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Island Insight

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Army Seeks Small Business Partnerships at Symposium

Senior Army personnel and military contractors discussed the Army's declining financial resources, its increased operational requirements, and its continuing need for contracted support during the ninth annual Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium at the iWireless Center, here, May 24-25. More than 200 businesses registered for the event. Lisha Adams, executive deputy to the commanding general, U.S. Army Materiel Command, discussed the need to reduce the cost of Army operations with increased public-private sector partnerships. "We cannot accomplish our mission without you," she said speaking to large and small business contractors during the opening ceremony. "We must continue to look for ways to be more efficient and to reduce our cost of doing business -- we need to increase the use of public-private partnerships." Adams emphasized the importance of developing science and technology. ([More](#))



Upcoming Dates

June 6-9: SFL-TAP, Bldg. 56, First Flr., Rm. 122, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

June 7: Improving Workplace Relationships, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 1 p.m.

June 8: Tenant Senior NCO Meeting, Arsenal Island Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m.

June 9: Corps of Engineers Org Day, Memorial Park, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

June 9: Grief Support Grp, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

June 9: RIA Retirement & Retreat Ceremony, Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, 2 p.m.

June 10: Garrison Change of Command, Quarters One Lawn, 10 a.m.

June 10: MVRBC Blood Drive, Lock & Dam Lounge, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

June 11: Flag Retirement Ceremony, Rock Island National Cemetery, TBD

June 14: Army Birthday/Flag Day

June 14: Honor Tour (Flightless Honor Flight), Rock Island National Cemetery, 10:45 a.m.

June 14: CHPC Quality of Life Working Group, Bldg. 90, Rm. 25, 1 p.m.

June 14: Military Tuesday at the Ballpark

June 15: AMC "Sonic Fusion" Band Concert, LeClaire Park, Davenport, 6-7:45 p.m.

June 16: Grief Support Grp, EAP, Bldg. 56, 1st Flr., Rm. 104, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

June 17: MVRBC Blood Drive, Lock & Dam Lounge, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

June 17: Quad Cities 241st Army Birthday Ball, QC Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf, 5 p.m.

Army Looks To End 'Use It or Lose It' Budgeting

The Army is a few weeks away from an experiment that aims to tackle one of the most persistent bugs in the federal government's budgeting process: the "use it or lose it" phenomenon that manifests itself at the end of each fiscal year in almost every government office. As part of a directive set to take effect on July 1, the Army is telling the leaders of all of its major commands that they cannot cut a program's funding just because it didn't spend all of its money the year before. In theory, the policy would at least reduce managers' incentives to binge on questionable purchases in the last few weeks of September. The Army's comptroller and its director of business transformation are in charge of drafting specific regulations to put more meat on how the policy will work in practice. Until the rules are written, an April memo signed by then-acting Army Secretary Patrick Murphy describes the basic thrust: ([More](#))



Check Out Defense Logistics Agency Document Services on RIA

The Defense Logistics Agency Document Services here at Rock Island Arsenal invites you to come check out their office spaces, gain insight into their capabilities, and see what they can do for your organization. Come by their office in Bldg. 108, Southwest end, or phone 309-782-1430, 1433, or 1126. DLA Document Services provides printing services, scanning and conversion, office device support, and electronic content management. Whether your information is digital or on paper, they've got you covered. The Defense Logistics Agency is the Department of Defense's largest logistics combat support agency, providing worldwide logistics support in both peacetime and wartime to the military services as well as several civilian agencies and foreign countries. DLA employs about 27,000 employees. The agency's headquarters is at Fort Belvoir, in Northern Virginia. ([DLA Document Services on RIA](#)) ([Document Services Online](#))



Mosquito Control and Personal Protection

Summer is the time of year when we all want to get outside and enjoy our beautiful Midwest weather. However, mosquitos also love this weather. Below you will be provided details of Rock Island Arsenal's Directorate of Public Works (DPW) mosquito reduction program, and some helpful links that provide information concerning protecting yourself and loved ones from mosquito bites. DPW Mosquito Program: DPW personnel continue to identify areas where water collects (such as improperly-sloped drains) which have the potential of becoming breeding sites. Most of these areas have been corrected through mechanical control measures over the past few years. However, this is an ongoing effort. If personnel on Arsenal Island encounter areas where rainwater collects for several days, they should inform the Work Order Desk at 309-782-2387 or usarmy.ria.imcom-central.mbx.usag-pw-work-order-desk@mail.mil so these areas may be prioritized and addressed. The base operations contract includes provisions for control of both mosquito larvae and adult mosquitos. Larvae are controlled through the application of larvicide to standing water areas, such as the forested area immediately west of the old coal pile site and within the Ramsey Test Track area. Adult mosquitos are controlled through routine mosquito fogging in areas such as the Ramsey Test Track, where mosquitos gather for breeding purposes. Efforts to control mosquito populations are continual. Personnel should be reminded to use personal protective measures, such as insect repellent and protective clothing during outdoor activities. Personal Protective Measures: ([CDC](#)) ([WebMD](#))



Human Resources Closure, June 7

Due to some internal training and a team building event the Garrison Directorate of Human Resources (DHR), which includes Admin services, Military Personnel Division, the Identification /Common Access Card (ID/CAC) Office, and the Employee Assistance Program will close at 9:30 a.m., on **Tuesday, June 7**, and will not resume normal Customer Service Hours until **Wednesday, June 8**. There is no interruption in the services provided by the Army Education Center. In case an EAP related emergency arises please call the Rock Island Arsenal Fire/Police Dispatch Center at 309-782-5507. The dispatcher will notify an EAP Counselor to contact you.

RIA Retirement & Retreat Ceremony

Rock Island Arsenal Military Community — Maj. Gen. Kevin O'Connell cordially invites you to attend the 3rd Quarter FY16 Award, Retirement & Retreat Ceremony on **Thursday, June 9**, at 2 p.m., in Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, in honor of:

- Chief Warrant Officer 4 Siupapa Mapu, ASC
- Sgt. First Class Travis Nargang, SOC, South
- Daniel Neumiller, ASC
- Jean-Michel Serra, JMC
- Sandra Canada, ASC
- Vanessa Tatum, ASC
- Mary Barkley, ASC

Uniform for personnel not participating in ceremony - Military: Duty Uniform & Civilian: Casual. A sign language interpreter will be available for the hearing impaired.

Garrison Change of Command Ceremony

The Arsenal Island workforce is invited to attend the Garrison Change of Command Ceremony **Friday, June 10**, at 10 a.m., on the Quarters One Lawn. USAG-RIA will execute a change of command ceremony with central region director, Mr. Joe Capps, Central Region, Installation Management Command, presiding. Col. Kenneth Tauke will assume command from Col. Elmer Speights, Jr.



USAG-RIA Change of Command Ceremony — Curtailed Garrison Services

The U.S. Army Garrison-Rock Island Arsenal will conduct a change of command ceremony on **Friday, June 10**, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. All Garrison services will be curtailed or closed during this timeframe to permit Garrison employees the opportunity to attend the ceremony. Normal Garrison services will resume following the ceremony.

Quad Cities Coast Guard Run to Remember

Coast Guard Marine Safety Detachment Quad Cities is hosting the [2nd Annual Coast Guard Foundation Run to Remember](#) on **Friday, June 10**, at Veterans Memorial Park in Davenport, beginning at 8 a.m. This is an event to help honor our fallen members and promote the Coast Guard Foundation. This event will consist of a 5k run or a 1.5 mile walk for those who choose to do so. We will run from the flag poles to the Centennial Bridge, crossing the river into Rock Island and back. For a shorter walk, you can walk from the flag poles along the river, just past Modern Woodmen Park and back. Don't forget to order a shirt to help support the Coast Guard Foundation. We will have a brief meeting at 7:45 a.m. prior to the run. This event is open to anyone who wishes to help honor and support those who are no longer here with us. After the run, beverages and snacks will be available



for all participants. For more information, please contact Garrett Ragland at 309-782-6958 or you can go to the Coast Guard Foundation website at www.coastguardfoundation.org/give/cgremember.

Knights of Columbus to Host Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 11

Knight of Columbus Allouez Council #658 from Rock Island will host a Flag Retirement Ceremony conducted by their 4th Degree Honor Guard at the Rock Island National Cemetery on **Saturday, June 11**, at 10 a.m. The ceremony will include posting of the colors by the Civil Air Patrol Quad City Composite Squadron cadets, a gun salute by Vietnam Veterans 299, participation by area scouts from troops within Illowa Council, Boy Scouts of America, a main speaker, and the ceremonial burning of retired flags. The main focus of the ceremony will be how to properly fold and dispose of the American Flag as a gesture of respect for what the flag represents and those who fought and died for it. The American flag must be folded 13 times out of respect for the 13 colonies, and each fold has a meaning, including life, weakness, honor, death and religion. The [U.S. Flag Code](#), created in 1942, lists rules for proper display, use and disposal of the flag, but not the procedure for burning. During the ceremony anyone in attendance who is active military or a veteran is given a "field of blue" with stars to throw into the fire, while those with no military affiliation are given a stripe to burn. In the months leading up to the event, worn and unserviceable flags have been collected by veterans' organizations and active individuals from communities throughout the greater Quad-City area. This event is open to the public and anyone who has a worn or unserviceable flag is encouraged to bring it for appropriate and respectful disposal.



Free Tickets to Military Tuesday at the Ballpark

Free tickets are now available to the entire Arsenal Island workforce, and remain available for active duty military and retirees for Military Tuesday at the Ballpark, Quad Cities River Bandits vs Wisconsin Timber Rattlers, on Flag Day, **Tuesday, June 14**, at 7 p.m. The rain date will be Thursday, July 7. Tickets may be picked up at the following locations:

- Army Community Services, Bldg. 110, 1st Floor, 309-782-0829
- Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 333, 309-782-8630
- USO, Bldg. 110, 1st Floor, 309-782-3896
- Fitness Center, Bldg. 67, 309-782-6787

If you have questions concerning the tickets please contact the location you would like to pick them up at.



Rock Island National Cemetery, RIA to Host 2nd Annual 'Flightless' Honor Flight

Soldiers from U.S. Army Sustainment Command and First U.S. Army will spend the day with World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War veterans during the second annual flightless Honor Flight, scheduled to take place starting with a brief ceremony at the Rock Island National Cemetery on **Tuesday, June 14**, beginning at 10:45 a.m. That ceremony will include the Patriot Guard, rifle salute, Taps, and feature Scott Lamb, director, Rock Island National Cemetery, as the main speaker. At the conclusion of the ceremony the honored veterans will have a group photo taken and then will take a guided bus tour of the installation narrated by George Eaton, historian, Army Sustainment Command. Last year the event gave veterans who couldn't physically fly to Washington, D.C., the opportunity to see local



monuments and enjoy a day of praise and respect for their service. The veterans will be introduced to their escort early that morning. Each veteran will be paired with a Soldier from Rock Island Arsenal who will escort them throughout the day.

Army Materiel Command "Sonic Fusion" Band

Rock Island Arsenal invites you to enjoy a free concert performed by the Army Materiel Command "Sonic Fusion" Band at LeClaire Park in Davenport on **Wednesday, June 15**, 6-7:45 p.m.; the show is free and open to the public. Food vendors will be set up for food and drink consumption. The AMC Band proudly serves the Soldiers and civilians of the U.S. Army Materiel Command stationed at more than 140 locations worldwide. With its eight music performance teams, the AMC Band travels extensively throughout the country and overseas supporting 30 installations, 26 major tenants, seven Army Field Support Brigades, 11 subordinate commands, and four separate reporting activities within the AMC enterprise. Since November 2003, the band has deployed in support of AMC Soldiers and civilians forward deployed in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. The AMC band has performed in Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Afghanistan and the United Arab Emirates. The band is currently performing more than 400 musical mission per year and is under the purview of the AMC chief of staff.



SMA to Hold World Wide Troop Talk

Under Secretary of the Army Patrick Murphy and SMA Daniel Dailey will host a live World Wide Troop Talk on **Thursday, June 16**, at 1 p.m. CDT. Have questions you would like to see answered during the event? [Post them here](#) and then watch the #ArmyTroopTalk to see if your question is answered.

Distribution System Flushing

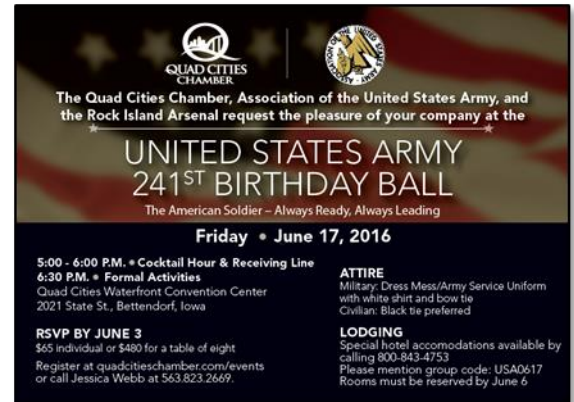
Between **Monday, May 23, and Friday, June 17**, the Rock Island Arsenal Water Treatment Plant will use chlorination as the means of water disinfection. The temporary change has been approved by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and allows operators to perform system maintenance, including the annual flushing of the water distribution system. Since the 1990s, the plant has used a process known as "chloramination," a combination of chlorine and ammonia, as a disinfection method. Users should notice no difference in the quality of their drinking water as a result in the change to using chlorine. The annual flushing process, done via the on-post fire hydrants, may cause visible changes to the water coming from faucets and fixtures. The flushing process may cause material in the pipes to be stirred up. Most of this sediment flows through the nearest fire hydrant, but some may transport into the lines providing water service to buildings or residences at the Arsenal. Water could be cloudy or have a rusty color. Although this water will still be safe to drink, it is unappealing. If this occurs please allow the water to run for five minutes to allow the line to clear.

Baby Hawks

There is a nest of baby hawks between buildings 62 and 64 on 2nd Street. One is out of the nest and two are still in it. Part of their flight training is to get out of the nest and hop around on the ground. Please keep away from this area on your exercise walks, etc. The mother hawk is there and will feed them on the ground. They should be flying and gone within two weeks or less. Any questions can be directed to the Natural Resource Manager at 309-782-6379.

Quad Cities 241st Army Birthday Ball

U.S. Army 241st Birthday Ball will be **Friday, June 17**, at the QC Waterfront Convention Center in Bettendorf, 5-6 p.m. receiving line and cocktail hour, 6:30 p.m. - formal activities begin. The event will celebrate 241 years of rich tradition and the Soldiers who fought to protect the freedom of our great nation throughout various conflicts. \$65 individual or \$480 for a table of eight. Attire is: Military - Dress Mess/Army Service Uniform; Civilian - Black tie preferred. Lodging - special hotel accommodations available by calling 800-843-4753; please mention group code: USA0617. ([Registration and Menu](#))



Blood Drives

The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in the room outside the Lock and Dam Lounge (in Bldg. 60), on **Friday, June 10 and 17, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** If you would like to donate at this blood drive, feel free to email SHoegerl@mvrbc.com with the time you'd like to schedule, or call their Donor Center at 563-359-5401, ext. 119. A **2nd shift** blood drive will be held in the Cafeteria (Bldg. 211) beginning at **6:30 p.m. on July 22**. To sign up for a blood drive held on either the 2nd or 3rd shift, donors should contact their shift supervisor.

Army Sustainment Command Distribution Management Center: The ASC DMC is sponsoring a MVRBC blood drive on **Thursday, June 23, 12-4 p.m.**, via the MVRBC Donor Bus that will be parked at Bldg. 350. Contact Camille Richardson at camille.e.richardson.mil@mail.mil or call 309-782-0261 to sign up.



Donors who give blood at any of these drives will be entered into the blood center's summer drawing for a new Ford vehicle, and will also be entered into a monthly drawing for one of ten \$300 gas cards.



Charlie Corpuscle reminds us, "All previous malaria travel area restrictions still apply when donating blood. In addition, there is a 28-day deferral for those who return from areas in Mexico, the Caribbean or South America not included in the malaria restrictive areas. Please encourage donors to come in and give blood once the 28-day period has passed. Arsenal donors may always call the blood center at 563-359-5401 or email shoegerl@mvrbc.org if they have questions re: specific travel areas and deferrals which may be in place for those areas. Every donation is needed, especially in the summer months."



The Army encourages its employees to volunteer as candidates for any of the variety of medical donor programs, including blood, bone marrow, and organ donor/transplant programs. For additional information [click here](#).

History Comes Alive for Pioneer Days at the Colonel Davenport House

The 4th annual Pioneer Days is **Saturday and Sunday, June 18-19**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 12-4 p.m. on Sunday. There is an overnight encampment of fur trader re-enactors, called a Buckskinners' Rendezvous, with pioneer portrayers demonstrating hatchet and knife throwing, and craft demonstrators such as wood-working, chair caning,



spinning, basket weaving, quilting, rope making, and campfire cooking. Guest historical speakers include: Gena Schantz, Maryan Wherry, and Jack Tumbleson. Old time music specialist Wesley Wells will play each afternoon. On display will be selected items from the Fort Armstrong time capsule, buried as part of the fort's 150th anniversary in 1966, and recently opened as part of the 200th anniversary. Food Vendor available will be Dickey's BBQ with sandwiches, sides, and drinks. Pioneer Days hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 18 and 12-4 p.m. on Sunday, June 19. Tours of the historic Colonel Davenport House included. Admission is \$10 adults for 12 years and over; free 11 and under. For more information, visit their website at www.davenporthouse.org.

RIA AUSA Annual Golf Outing

Join us for the RIA AUSA Annual Golf outing on **Monday, July 11**, at the Arsenal Island Golf Course. Start time is 10:30 a.m., dinner at 4:30 p.m. Information and entry form is available at www.ria-ausa.org - Teams fill up quickly, reserve your spot today. Cost is \$125/per player or \$500 per team. Let's Play Golf and support our civilian and military community.

Closure of the Records Holding Area, Bldg. 331

The Records Holding Area located in Bldg. 331 will close effective **Friday, Sept. 30**. All records that are stored in the facility must be moved or disposed of no later than **Thursday, Sept. 1**. It's the responsibility of each organization/command to relocate and provide space for their own records or dispose of records eligible for destruction. For more information contact [Joyce Rollins](#), Garrison Records Manager, 309-782-1245.

Save the Date — 9th Annual Cards for the Troops

Please join us **Tuesday, Sept. 27**, 6:30-9 p.m., at Heritage Hall, Bldg. 60, for the 9th Annual Cards for the Troops. Adults only (high school and older), please. Hand-made rubber stamp art cards are created by hundreds of volunteers under the guidance of local stamping artists for our deployed troops to mail home to loved ones. No stamping experience required. More than 46,000 cards have been sent through Cards for the Troops to our deployed military serving in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Jordan, Africa, and to those deployed aboard our aircraft carriers, the USS Harry S. Truman, the USS Carl Vinson and the USS John C. Stennis. Packagers are needed also. There is no charge for this event. Please bring one roll of Scotch double-sided tape to donate to Cards for the Troops for card- making. All other materials are supplied. Be sure to visit our, "Cards for the Troops, Rock Island Arsenal" Facebook page. Seating is limited... please RSVP to: mssipple1@gmail.com.

Free Tours of Locks and Dam 15

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mississippi River Project announces they will be offering free tours of Locks and Dam 15 every Saturday and Sunday beginning Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend. These tours will be offered at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and will each last one hour. Participants must wear shoes with enclosed toes and backs, tennis shoes are preferred. Purses, bags, cameras and pictures are not allowed on the tour but will be allowed in the Visitor Center before and after the tours. Walking is required. Pre-registration is also recommended as the group size is limited and tours sometimes fill fast. Tours will begin and end at the Mississippi River Visitor Center. To make a reservation please call the staff at the Mississippi River Visitor Center at 309-794-5338. ([More](#))



Arsenal Island Employee Local Discounts

The following discounts are exclusively available to Arsenal Island employees — AT&T Wireless:

As a service member of the U.S. Army you could be saving 15 percent on the monthly service charge of qualified wireless plans. Visit your local AT&T store at 4500 16th Street, (inside SouthPark Mall) Moline or 3120 E. 53rd street, Davenport, or to purchase online, visit att.com/wireless/USArmy If you visit a local AT&T store, please have proof of eligibility. Mention Discount Code: FAN2421660 **Sunset Lakes Resort:** Located near Hillsdale Illinois at I-88 Exit #6, we offer free campsites for those who currently serve and veterans; call 1-800-747-5253 for reservations. Complete details on both military weekends at www.sunsetlakesresort.com under our news section. **Infinity Salon & Spa:** Located at 220 W 3rd St. in Davenport, we offer 15 percent off services for military and the Arsenal Island workforce. We are a full service salon: hair, manicure, pedicures, massage, waxing, facials, for men, women, and children. Eligible personnel only need to show a military or work ID. **The Venue:** Located at 1405 5th Ave. in Moline, we would like to say thank you to all Rock Island Arsenal personnel – bring in your Arsenal ID/badge on Mondays and receive a 20 percent discount on food and soda (this excludes family feast special). **New Life Chiropractic Clinic:** All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off its services located at 2500 18th Street in Bettendorf. **Chocolate Manor:** All Arsenal Island military and civilian employees will receive a 10 percent discount off their total purchase on any of our award winning homemade chocolates at 110 E. 2nd St., Davenport, just show your ID. **Roosters Sports Bar and Grill:** All military and civilian's get 10 percent off their bill. Come head down for lunch at 2130 3rd Ave., Rock Island, new specials daily. **Peachwave Frozen Yogurt:** Peachwave, 3431 Devils Glen Rd., Bettendorf, offers a 10 percent discount every day to all military and veterans. *This information is included for general workforce interest and does not constitute endorsement of the businesses or products.*



Arsenal Traffic/Construction

Parking Lot Closures for Monitoring Wells

The Directorate of Public Works will be installing monitoring wells at two locations that will involve the temporary partial closure of parking lot 0J (north of buildings 60, 62, and 64) and temporary total closure of parking lot 1C (north of Bldg. 106). The northeast corner of parking lot 0J (behind the Water Treatment Plant) will be closed starting **Tuesday, May 31**, and remain closed for two weeks until **Wednesday, June 8**, depending upon weather. Parking Lot 1C will be closed starting **Monday, June 6**, and remain closed for three weeks until **Tuesday, June 28**, depending upon weather. Barricades will be placed around the work area at Lot 0J and at each end of Lot 1C.

Intermittent Lane Closures South Ave

Effective May 16, Public Works will begin making pavement repairs on South Ave between Gillespie and East Street. The repairs will include full depth saw cutting, and concrete replacement patching. The work will require intermittent road closure. The project is expected to be completed by **Thursday, June 16**, depending on weather. Signage and barricades will be placed at appropriate locations during the closure.

Bldg. 110 Handicap Ramp Repairs, Entrance Closure

On April 6, Public Works began making repairs to the handicap ramp on the northwest corner of Bldg. 110. The work will include the removal and replacement of the handicap ramp, steps, sidewalk and railings. The entrance will be closed during construction. Handicap accessibility to the building can be made by using the passenger elevator, which can be accessed through the northwest doors of the basement courtyard via South Avenue. The construction is scheduled to be completed by **Wednesday, June 15**, depending on weather.

Gillespie Street Repair Project

The Directorate of Public Works (DPW) plans to accomplish major repairs to the Gillespie Street corridor between Rodman Avenue and Blunt Road. This will impact traffic and on-street parking in the area during the construction. Work is currently planned to start during the FY16 construction season. There will also be some permanent changes resulting from the project. Major changes are as follows: • Replacement of the sidewalk along the west side of Gillespie Street with a wider shared-use path to be used by pedestrians and bicycles. • Conversion of diagonal on-street parking along the northern sections of Gillespie Street to parallel parking spaces resulting in a loss of about 40 parking spaces. • Conversion of Blunt Road along the river from Gillespie Street to East Street to a shared-use path predominantly for pedestrians and bicycles. Motorized vehicles will be restricted to emergency and service vehicles. As the project progresses, further announcements will be provided regarding construction related events.

Rock Island Viaduct Sidewalk Closed to Pedestrians

"Sidewalk Closed" signs have been erected at either end of the Rock Island Viaduct sidewalk. These signs were placed because of the tripping hazard that the condition of the sidewalk presents. Attached illustration indicates the suggested alternative route (STR276 American Discovery Trail and Pedestrian Bridge) during the closure.



Building/Space Closures



There are no announcements at this time.



Active Duty/Reserve Zone



DoD Begins Educating Service Leaders On New Retirement System

Department of Defense officials announced Wednesday the launch of the "Leader Course," a tool designed to educate Service senior leaders and financial advisors about the new Blended Retirement System (BRS) that goes into effect, Jan. 1, 2018. Training for the new system is available via the Joint Knowledge On-line (JKO) and ArmyOneSource websites. Individuals serving in remote and deployed locations, will also have access to the training via DVD. The training portal is set up in an "online newspaper" format, which allows users to independently click on videos, glossaries and

example scenarios that explain the new retirement benefits and provide comparisons of the current and new systems. "The Blended Retirement System Leader Course and other follow-on courses will ensure Soldiers are familiar with the new system and knowledgeable of available resources to make informed decisions pertaining to their retirement plans," said Lt. Col. Steven G. Hanson, Allowances branch chief, Compensation and Entitlements Team, U.S. Army G-1. The new retirement system is composed of three components, a tradition defined-benefit plan like the current system, a 401K type defined-contribution plan with a portable retirement account through the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), and a continuation pay at the mid-career point. Service members currently serving are grandfathered into the current military retirement system. ([More](#))

Soldiers Need To Be Ready 100% of Time, Says Abrams

In the last 15 years, due to mission requirements, Soldiers have lost their ability to excel at combined arms maneuver and have relied too much on contract support, thereby losing the readiness edge against a near-peer threat, said Gen. Robert B. Abrams. Abrams, commander, U.S. Army Forces Command, was the keynote speaker at the Association of the United States Army-sponsored Army Force Projection & Sustainment "hot topics" forum, June 2.

The Problem

In Iraq and Afghanistan, Soldiers have relied on contract support for maintenance and repair, he said. They still do. Units didn't bring their own equipment overseas, he added. It was given to them when they arrived, just like checking out a rental car. The equipment got abused too since they didn't own it. ([More](#))

SMA's New Book Club Kicks Off

Put on a pot of Earl Grey, because the next time the sergeant major of the Army comes to your installation, he just may be hosting a book club where he and Soldiers will discuss titles with subject matter relevant to the profession of soldiering. While as part of his book club, the SMA aims to visit with and talk with some Soldiers, the real goal is to provide junior leadership with an opportunity to discuss with their Soldiers, outside of normal training, the Army-relevant themes and topics present in the books selected. "We already ask Soldiers to read and understand regulations and policies -- this is an opportunity to start a new initiative that's fun, while also helping our squad leaders guide discussions on topics that relate to our profession," said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey of the book club. "It shouldn't feel like another task. I don't want to force Soldiers to do this. I want them to want to read with me." ([More](#))

Military Kids Camp 2016 for Youth Impacted by Military Service

Youth Ages 8-16... join us for a fun-filled week, **July 3-8**, of summer camp adventures at YMCA Camp Abe Lincoln, the Quad Cities premiere overnight camping facility for youth. Would you like to live in a cabin and enjoy traditional camp activities—swimming, hiking, horseback riding, campfires and much more? Then this camp is for you. This special Military Kids Camp is open to all youth and teens ages 8-16 whose parent, sibling or other close relative serves in any branch of the military — active duty, Guard or Reserves. Kids will also enjoy special activities just for military kids – hands-on workshops, Military Day hosted by the Illinois National Guard, Resiliency, and more. Questions call 563-381-3053. ([More](#))

Bix 7 Road Race Waives Entry Fee

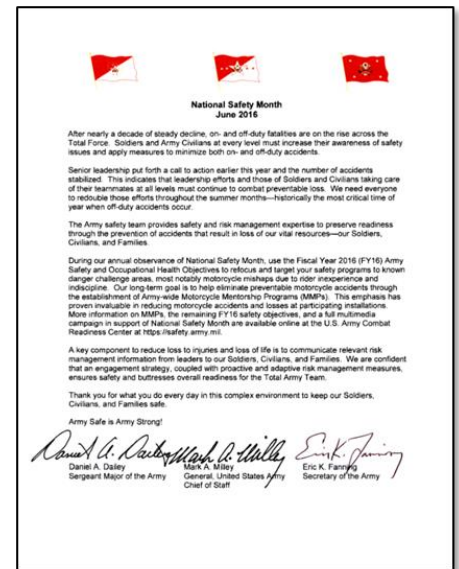
The 2016 Bix 7 organization is again happy to be able to offer free entry, **July 30**, to all active duty military, Reserve and Guard. Again, there will also be a specific viewing area location designated for and honoring our veterans at Brady and Kirkwood. Complete the [printable entry form](#), enter

your military ID number where indicated and mail your entry to us. You must pick up your packet in person at the Bix 7 Expo and show your military ID. Last year we had an increase over the first year, we hope to be able to continue that momentum again in the third year of this appreciation. ([Entry Form](#))



National Safety Month June 2016

After nearly a decade of steady decline, on- and off-duty fatalities are on the rise across the Total Force. Soldiers and Army Civilians at every level must increase their awareness of safety issues and apply measures to minimize both on- and off-duty accidents. Senior leadership put forth a call to action earlier this year and the number of accidents stabilized. This indicates that leadership efforts and those of Soldiers and Civilians taking care of their teammates at all levels must continue to combat preventable loss. We need everyone to redouble those efforts throughout the summer months-historically the most critical time of year when off-duty accidents occur. The Army safety team provides safety and risk management expertise to preserve readiness through the prevention of accidents that result in loss of our vital resources-our Soldiers, Civilians, and Families. During our annual observance of National Safety Month, use the Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16) Army Safety and Occupational Health Objectives to refocus and target your safety programs to known danger challenge areas, most notably motorcycle mishaps due to rider inexperience and indiscipline. Our long-term goal is to help eliminate preventable motorcycle accidents through the establishment of Army-wide Motorcycle Mentorship Programs (MMPs). This emphasis has proven invaluable in reducing motorcycle accidents and losses at participating installations. More information on MMPs, the remaining FY16 safety objectives, and a full multimedia campaign in support of National Safety Month are available online at the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center at <https://safety.army.mil>. A key component to reduce loss to injuries and loss of life is to communicate relevant risk management information from leaders to our Soldiers, Civilians, and Families. We are confident that an engagement strategy, coupled with proactive and adaptive risk management measures, ensures safety and buttresses overall readiness for the Total Army Team. Thank you for what you do every day in this complex environment to keep our Soldiers, Civilians, and Families safe. Army Safe is Army Strong! ([More](#))



Off-Duty Safety Awareness Presentation

The Off-Duty Safety Awareness Presentation (ODSAP) is U.S. Army's highly informative safety presentation containing statistics, contributing factors, prevention tips and other relevant information regarding off-duty accidents. Developed for use at battalion level and below, the presentation comes complete with embedded videos and speaker notes. The speaker notes may be used as is, or modified to fit a particular presentation style or reflect unit-specific accident trends. The ODSAP was originally developed in 2008 by the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center to address an increase in fatal off-duty accidents. Annual updates to the presentation help ensure

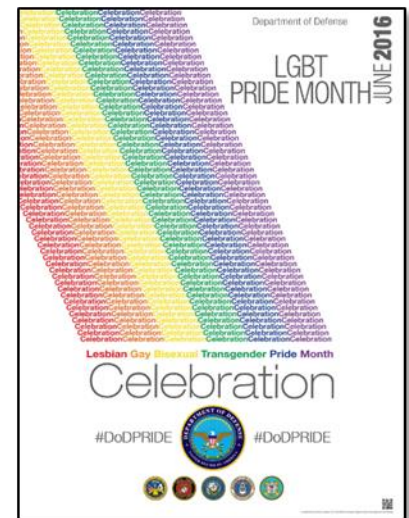
Soldiers are kept aware of the Army's most pressing off-duty safety issues. The materials and statistics contained in this presentation, titled "Safety & Risk: Balance Through Awareness," enhance safety awareness for numerous off-duty activities as well as home safety, and address risky behaviors and the impact of fatigue and alcohol. ([More](#))

Equal Employment Opportunity Focus



Department of Defense 2016 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month Observance

The Department of Defense is pleased to announce the 2016 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month in June. During this time, the Department recognizes lesbian, gay, and bisexual service members, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender civilians for their dedicated service to both the DoD and our nation. In honoring the LGBT community this year, we acknowledge the importance of diversity within the Defense Department. Diversity and inclusion are readiness imperatives; we rely on our diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and expertise to enable us to address the complex challenges of the global security environment. The struggles, sacrifices, and successes among the LGBT community continue to shape the history of our nation and remind each of us to stand for tolerance, justice, and dignity. For the last four years, the DoD has honored the LGBT lasting ideals of dignity and worth. DoD components are encouraged to commemorate LGBT Pride Month and celebrate the accomplishments of those serving in uniform and civilians. Pride Month commemorates the events of June 1969 in New York known as the Stonewall riots, which are largely regarded as the beginning of the LGBT rights movement, and works to achieve equal justice and equal opportunity for LGBT Americans. The DoD has chosen "Celebration" as the theme for this year's observance. Diversity is one of our nation's greatest strengths. During LGBT Pride Month, we celebrate our rich diversity and renew our enduring commitment to equity. [#LGBT](#) [#Pride](#) [#DoDPride](#) ([StandTo!](#)) ([Secretary of the Army Eric Fanning's message on LGBT Pride Month](#))



President Proclaims June as LGBT Pride Month

Declaring that "no person should be judged by anything but the content of their character," President Barack Obama signed a proclamation designating June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month. ✂ "There remains much work to do to extend the promise of our country to every American, but because of the acts of courage of the millions who came out and spoke out to demand justice and of those who quietly toiled and pushed for progress, our Nation has made great strides in recognizing what these brave individuals long knew to be true in their hearts -- that love is love and that no person should be judged by anything but the content of their character. During Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month, as Americans wave their flags of pride high and march boldly forward in parades and demonstrations, let us celebrate how far we have come and reaffirm our steadfast belief in the equal dignity of all Americans." ([More](#))

Related resources: ([Army Diversity Office](#)) ([Office of Diversity Management and Equal Opportunity](#)) ([Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute](#))

Morale, Welfare & Recreation



Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)

Visit the MWR website at www.riamwr.com for information on all MWR programs.

MWR Text Alerts

Grab your mobile phone and text **EZZHV32984 4** to the number **313131** to join our text list and have all the latest and greatest MWR news delivered right to your phone. We'll keep you up to date with all the fun and exciting upcoming MWR events and programs as well as coupons and special offers available only to text alert subscribers. Message and data rates may apply and you can opt out at any time by replying "stop" to **313131**. Check out the flyer for a quick and easy QR code that you can scan with your smartphone to automatically generate the message for you. ([Flyer](#))



Lock & Dam Lounge Closes for Renovations

Effective April 2, the Lock & Dam Lounge closed for renovations until further notice.

Island Oasis Outdoor Grill Now Open for the Season

The Island Oasis Grill has moved back outside for the summer, come visit us outside the Fitness Center under the big MWR tent for all your grill favorites including burgers, brats and ribeye sandwiches (Thursdays only).

3rd Annual Rock The Island Car Show

Rock Island Arsenal's 3rd annual Rock The Island Car Show will be held on Rodman Avenue from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. on **Saturday, June 25**.

Late registration, from **Wednesday, June 1, through the day of the event on June 25**, is \$15/vehicle & t-shirts cannot be guaranteed.

This fun, family event is free to attend and open to the public so please share with all your automotive enthusiast friends. Other activities to enjoy during the show include a Sports Car Club of America Rally and a Pinewood Derby with participation open to everyone. To register or for more information, call 309-782-8631 or [register online here](#). ([Flyer](#))



Lunch Service at the Arsenal Island Clubhouse

Has it been a while since you've had lunch at the Golf Clubhouse? If so come back Tuesday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., and give it another try because we've got some exciting new options that are sure to fit your appetite and schedule. Try the daily soup, salad and sandwich buffet featuring a delicious house made soup du jour and fresh baked breads for just \$9/person. ([menu is available here](#)) ([daily buffet items here](#))

MWR Leisure Travel Office



Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bldg. 333. The office is closed for lunch from 10:30–11 a.m., 309-782-5890. ([email](#)) ([website](#))

Discount Tickets for Upcoming Local Shows & Bus Trips at the Leisure Travel Office

Leisure Travel which is located in Bldg. 333 (next to the Exchange) has discount tickets for the following upcoming shows/trips. Contact them at 309-782-5890 or visit their webpage:

www.riamwr.com/community-recreation/leisure-travel for more information.

- Six Flags & Adventureland
- **Saturday, June 18:** Sister Act at Circa 21 Dinner Playhouse
- **Saturday, July 9:** Taste of Chicago/Navy Pier Bus Trip
- **Friday, Aug. 12:** Cubs vs. Cardinals Bus Trip to Wrigley Field

Taste of Chicago/Navy Pier Bus Trip

What is Chicago's recipe for a fantastic food festival? Chefs and musicians, combined with entertainment for all ages and several thousand tasting servings of favorite Chicago bites. Fill up on all flavors of Chicago – from classic local dishes, to specialty cuisines from ethnic neighborhood restaurants, to inspired chef creations. — or — You can't truly experience Chicago without a trip to Navy Pier. This 50-acre playground of entertainment, museums, activities, restaurants, and shops is the perfect place for some family fun time. This is a popular bus trip and fills up fast. Cost for your transportation is \$41 per person.

Event Date: **July 9**

Cubs vs. Cardinals

Leisure Travel will be offering another Cubs vs. Cardinals bus trip on **Friday, Aug. 12**. Bus trip includes transportation aboard a Tri-State Motor coach and a ticket to the game. Location of seating is in Terrace Reserved. Time of game and departure will be announced at a later date. Package is \$129 per person. Limited alcohol is allowed on the bus.

2016 Adventureland Tickets

Leisure Travel has discounted one day admission tickets for the 2016 season to Adventureland Amusement & Water Park. Adult and Child \$33; at the gate adult is \$42, child is \$37.

Child, Youth & School Services



Now Accepting Applications for New Part-Day Preschool Program

As part of our ongoing efforts to adapt our programs and offerings to best meet your needs, Child, Youth and School Services is starting a new part-day preschool program and will accept

applications through **Wednesday, June 15**. Completed applications can be dropped off at the Parent Central Services Office in Bldg. 110 or email them to usarmy.ria.imcom-central.mbx.usag-rock-cys@mail.mil.

Army Transitions to Simplified DoD Request For Childcare Website

The Army is transitioning to a new single portal Department of Defense website designed to make it easier for Soldiers to find the childcare they need. In March 2016, select Army garrison families will begin to use www.MilitaryChildCare.com as their website to search for and request child care services where they are or where they are planning to move. "The vital function of this website is to simplify the child care search process, helping patrons make better informed decisions about their child care needs," said Theresa Sanders, the Installation Management Command Child, Youth and School Services Outreach Services Program Manager. "The DoD has worked hard to develop a system which allows patrons to create their own account, search and request care, manage requests and update their profile from the convenience of their home," she said. Using MilitaryChildCare.com, parents can find comprehensive information on child care programs worldwide, conduct a customized search for the care they need, and submit a request for care at any time from any location, Sanders explained. Web services were first tested in pilot programs throughout the military branches including U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii. Soldiers and Families at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Forts Belvoir, Campbell, Detrick (Forest Glen and Frederick), Drum, Knox, Lee and Meade, Watervliet Arsenal and Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall will gain access to the site in March. Each garrison is working directly to notify the families affected and assist in the implementation of the DoD website rollout. ([More](#))



Army Community Service



ACS is located in Bldg. 110, 1st floor SE; [Visit our ACS website](#) or phone 309-782-0829. Call ahead for special accommodations when attending ACS classes. [Find us on Facebook click here](#). 24/7 Sexual Assault Hotline: **309-229-8412**.



Employee Assistance Program



ASAP/EAP is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor; visit our [ASAP/EAP website](#) or phone 309-782-4357 or 309-782-HELP. Office hours are from 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. After Hour Emergencies: 309-782-6116. Rock Island Arsenal Emergency Services will contact an EAP counselor who will call you back promptly. In addition, [a list of our classes & groups with dates, locations, and times, is located here](#). [Find us on Facebook click here](#).

Grief Support Group

Have you been struggling with the recent loss of a loved one? The EAP welcomes you to attend confidential group sessions to share your feelings with others who are experiencing the same emotions and challenges to daily living. Participants will receive support and companionship from others while learning about the grieving process. Groups will be held each **Thursday** from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the EAP in Bldg. 56, Room 104; to RSVP call 309-782-4357.

Improving Workplace Relationships

Relationships in the workplace are very much like relationships in our personal lives. Therefore they require many of the same skills we use with those who are closest to us. Learning these skills makes sense because many of us spend more time with our co-workers than with our family members. Skills learned are based on research based concepts and address issues of communication, conflict, respect and trust. Upcoming class dates are **June 7** and **Aug. 2**; and will take place in our classroom in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. If you have any questions on the above class offerings, please contact 309-782-4357. Register for classes on [TEDs](#) under "Current Classes."

The RIA Employee Assistance Program Presents: Real Colors

Want to enhance your communication skills? Real Colors offers you a peek into human personality. It will provide you with a better understanding of human behavior and help you recognize, accept and learn to value the difference in others. Real Colors has proven to be an effective tool to increase understanding, empathy and effective communication in the workplace. Location: Bldg. 56, Room 122, Sign up in [TEDs](#) (Search key word "Real Colors" or contact 309-782-4357 Additional date: **Nov. 8**.

Event Date: **Aug. 9**

Event Time: **8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Emotional Intelligence

Emotional intelligence is the ability to understand and manage your own emotions, and those of the people around you. People with a high degree of emotional intelligence know what they're feeling, what their emotions mean, and how these emotions can affect other people. Emotional intelligence addresses five competencies; Self-Awareness, Self-Regulation, Self-Motivation, Empathy, and Effective Relationships. Upcoming class dates are **June 28**, **Sept. 27**, and **Dec. 20**; and will take place in our classroom in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. If you have any questions on the above class offerings, please contact 309-782- 4357. Register for classes on [TEDs](#) under "Current Classes."

Time Management

Do you feel like there is never enough time in a day to get everything done? Would you like to learn some tips to become more organized and free up some time for more fun? Learn how to prioritize tasks and manage your time more effectively. Upcoming class dates are **July 26**, and **Oct. 25**, at 10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. If you have any questions on the above class offerings, please contact 309-782- 4357. Register for classes on [TEDs](#) under "Current Classes."

Assertiveness Training

Learn strategies to communicate with effectiveness and enhance yourself personally and professionally. Upcoming class dates are **Aug. 23** and **Nov. 29**; and will take place in our classroom in Bldg. 56, in Room 122. If you have any questions on the above class offerings, please contact 309-782- 4357. Register for classes on [TEDs](#) under "Current Classes."

Education/Training Review



The Rock Island Army Education Center is located in Bldg. 56, 1st floor, west end of the building. Office hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. Phone: 309-782-2065 Fax: 309-782-7901. [Please visit our website to learn more.](#)

Distance Learning Readiness Self-Assessment

DLRSA helps determine a Service member's readiness for education outside of the traditional classroom setting. Taking a distance learning course is another way to achieve your goals. While DL offers a lot of flexibility, there are other considerations for students to think about when making choices regarding their educational program. The self-assessment was developed to give you the opportunity to assess your skills and identify possible weaknesses that may affect your success when taking distance learning classes. This instrument is not meant to substitute for educational counseling or to deny you the opportunity to pursue a distance learning class. Your honest assessment of your skills and behaviors is in your best interest. We hope this assessment will help you to have a successful educational experience, whether you choose distance learning or face-to-face classes. ([More](#))

Field Test DLPT - German and Hindi — Do You Speak German or Hindi?

The Army is seeking field test participants to complete the Defense Foreign Language German and Hindi (DLPT5) Starting **Tuesday, May 3**, through **COB Sunday, July 31**. Participates will be provided with a signed letter of appreciation from the Assistant Commandant of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center. The listening and reading tests are both three hours. For your convenience, the test may be administered in one setting or schedule the test in two separate settings. Interested in taking the test? Please contact the Rock Island Education Center for more information or to be scheduled at 309-782-2065.

Higher Education

Do you plan on attending college? Do you know where to start? We have the answer for you. The next Higher Education Track (course) is scheduled for **Tuesday and Wednesday, June 14-15**, Bldg. 56, Room 122. The Higher Education Track helps guide you in pursuing a college education with preparation for college application process. Topics covered include: identifying educational goals, finding education funding, and researching and comparing institutions. This course is designed to guide you through the variety of decisions involved in choosing a degree program, college institution and funding considerations. This course is open to all military service members and their family members. Please phone 309-782-7780 to reserve your seat.

Using the GI Bill: Some Factors to Consider

Please join us for a GI Bill Briefing on **Tuesday, June 28**, 10-11 a.m., in Bldg. 56, Room 116. Kent Ketter, Veterans Educational Specialist - Illinois Dept. VA and Alison Hemmert, Education Service Officer - USAG RIA Army Education Center, will provide a GI Bill overview and address FAQs. Call 309-782-2065 to reserve a seat. As an eligible service member, veteran, or dependent planning

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EDUCATION SERVICES OFFICER
RIA ARMY EDUCATION CENTER
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to use the GI Bill, consider yourself a consumer about to make one of the most important decisions of your life. You owe it to yourself to thoroughly consider your educational and career goals, needs and options in order to utilize the GI Bill in the most timely and cost-effective manner possible. Some questions to consider: • What are my career goals and how do they relate to my educational needs? • How do I choose a school that is right for me? • Will my professional field respect a degree from the school I'm considering? • How well does my chosen school support Veterans and dependents? • In addition to the GI Bill, what are other ways to finance my education? • What are grants and loans? Remember, in the military you demonstrated commitment, discipline, and a desire to succeed. As a dependent you developed strong critical-thinking and decision-making skills. Leverage those same qualities when considering the school that best provides what you need and maximizes your investment. For more information and resources: www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/choosing_a_school.asp.

Defense Commissary Agency / Exchange



The [Rock Island Commissary](#) and the [Exchange](#) are for active duty military and retirees only. There are exceptions for select items (mainly consumable) at the Exchange that can be purchased by Arsenal Island employees with ID. The Commissary makes fresh fruit baskets daily for you. Shopping for someone who has everything? Problem solved. They are hungry for fresh fruit. Just buy them a fruit basket and relax. Ask our friendly staff to make you one or order one in advance. Check out local specials and get POC information [here](#). For information on this and other Commissaries, visit: www.commissaries.com ([Facebook](#))

Veterans Online Exchange Shopping Benefit Still In Limbo

Two years after they received a proposal to expand online shopping at military exchanges to all honorably discharged veterans, Pentagon officials are still mulling over the idea. “The policy office has identified some things that need to be included in the proposal, and await the final version so it can be staffed for approval,” said Defense Department spokesman Eric Pahon. “As these recommendations are pre-decisional, it would be inappropriate to say anything more.” He did note that DoD program managers “are aware of the interest in expanding the service benefit that would facilitate online exchange purchases by honorably discharged veterans.” The idea was initially proposed in May 2014 by Army and Air Force Exchange Service CEO Tom Shull. Navy Exchange Service Command CEO and retired Rear Adm. Robert Bianchi and Cindy Whitman Lacy, director of the Marine Corps Business and Support Services Division, have said they support the idea. The AAFES online site is ShopMyExchange.com; the NEXCOM site is MyNavyExchange.com. The proposal would allow all honorably discharged veterans to shop at the online stores but it does not extend to brick-and-mortar stores. At the time he proposed it, Shull said the move would increase the online customer base for the military exchange stores, but it would also offer a modest benefit to veterans who didn’t serve long enough to retire from the military, including a number who have served multiple tours in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. Currently eligible shoppers include all ranks of active-duty, National Guard and reserve members; retirees; Medal of Honor recipients; honorably discharged veterans with 100 percent service-connected disabilities; DoD civilian employees stationed outside the U.S. and authorized family members. If the concept is approved,

the online benefit for all honorably discharged veterans could be rolled out in as little as six months. ([More](#))

Pentagon: No Way to Operate Commissaries without Taxpayer Funds

The only way to entirely eliminate taxpayer funding for commissaries is to shut them all down, according to Pentagon officials who have explored a number of alternatives. But that's not an option, nor is drastically increasing prices, Pentagon officials said in a report to Congress. "Either action would significantly reduce the benefit available to commissary patrons, and would adversely impact the customer base of the military exchange system, reducing the availability of dividends for morale, welfare, and recreation activities as well." And those eligible are using their benefit: 80 percent of eligible active-duty households shopped at least once at a commissary in the 12 months ending Jan. 31, the report noted. More than 50 percent of those who shopped in commissaries during that period were active-duty households, according to the report. ([More](#))

Commissaries, Army Share Proud Legacy of Service

The U.S. Army marks its 241st anniversary June 14. On that date in 1775, the Continental Congress established the Army and named George Washington its commanding general. That same year, Congress created the Office of the Commissary General of Stores and Purchases to provide the Army's daily rations. Officers in charge of subsistence operations were known as chief commissaries, while their staff consisted of assistant commissaries and commissary sergeants. Fifty years later, the commissariat, as it was then known, began selling food items – which at the time were also known as commissaries or commissary items – from its warehouses "at cost" to Army officers for their personal use. By 1841, officers could also purchase items for their families. In 1866, Congress authorized the Army to sell goods at cost from its subsistence warehouses to officers and enlisted men alike, beginning on July 1, 1867. This was the start of the modern commissary benefit. No geographical restrictions were placed on these sales, which could take place at all Army posts, from the frontier to the east coast. By 1868, customers could choose from an official 82-item stock list, which was comparable to civilian dry-goods grocery stores at the time. By contrast, commissary stock lists today include as many as 15,000 items. ([More](#))



Arsenal Archive



Information for the Arsenal Archive is made available by the Rock Island Arsenal Museum. The Museum is open to the public, Tuesday through Saturday, 12-4 p.m. Closed weekends, Mondays, federal holidays, the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve. Admission is free. ([website](#))

Rock Island Arsenal Museum Resumes Saturday Hours

Effective June 1, the Rock Island Arsenal Museum resumed open hours on Saturday. Museum hours are now Noon to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Until recently the Museum was closed on Saturdays. Staffing changes allow the additional hours.

This Week in Rock Island Arsenal History – June 6-12

On June 6, 1898, the RIA commander received an order to procure from private contractors 10,000 additional outfits of cavalry and horse equipment. The Spanish-American War had caused a critical

demand for equipment. On June 7, 1871, Gen. Thomas Rodman, "Father of the RIA" died. He died while in the midst of completing his grand plan for the RIA. On June 8, 1871, the first iron casting made at the RIA was for the iron columns used in the construction of Shop C (Bldg. 104). Gen. Rodman's funeral was on June 9, 1871, at the RIA. It was one of the largest funerals held in the Quad Cities. On June 11, 1907, William H. Taft, the future 27th President of the U.S., visited the RIA while serving as Secretary of War. On June 12, 1917, Congress appropriated \$1,500,000 for a new proving grounds to be located on 13,000 acres of land near Savanna, Ill.



Healthbeat

National Men's Health Month

The month of June is designated as National Men's Health Month. The purpose of this campaign is to heighten awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men. If you are like many men, you may drink alcohol occasionally. Or, like others, you may drink moderate amounts of alcohol on a regular basis. But did you know that drinking more than the moderate levels -even occasionally- may put you at risk for serious health problems? Although alcohol affects everyone differently, excessive drinking can negatively affect a man's health regardless of age, race, marital status, income level, profession, or lifestyle. Common medical problems that can be caused by excessive drinking include heart disease, arthritis, liver cirrhosis, high blood pressure and various cancers. Many health conditions can be prevented or detected early if you get an annual check-up. This month, make prevention a priority. ([More](#)) [#MensHealthMonth](#)



Zika Virus

Zika is a mosquito-borne virus closely related to yellow fever, dengue, and West Nile viruses. The U.S. Army is taking the Zika virus very seriously and assisting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in any way possible. Information on the virus is changing almost daily and getting the most up-to-date information is important. The information below is to help individuals and health care providers with decisions on travel and risks in their area. Women who are pregnant or could be pregnant need to discuss their risk with their health care provider. Discovered in Uganda in 1947, the current outbreak of Zika virus in Brazil began in early 2015 and has spread to more than 20 other countries in the Americas, including Mexico and Puerto Rico. Although only 20 percent of people infected will have symptoms, the virus has been associated with an increased risk of Guillain-Barr Syndrome, a neurological disorder, and microcephaly, a birth defect characterized by smaller than normal head size. As a result, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued a level 2 travel alert, Practice Enhanced Precautions, for areas where Zika virus transmission is ongoing, recommending that all pregnant women postpone travel to these areas. The World Health Organization advised that the recent cluster of microcephaly cases and other neurologic disorders reported in Brazil constitutes a public health emergency of international concern. Army Medicine is tracking this outbreak to assess the risks to the Soldiers and their Families. All Army medical facilities have been notified of the



concerns surrounding Zika infections and are prepared to assist patients who may have been infected. Army Medicine supports the following guidance to avoid exposures and prevent illnesses:

- The [Armed Forces Pest Management Board](#) emphasizes the importance of proper wear of permethrin-treated uniforms and use of approved insect repellent, and removal of any standing water that may serve as mosquito breeding sites.
- The United States Department of Defense labs are developing techniques to test mosquitoes for Zika.
- The United States Southern Command is advising pregnant DoD personnel and dependents within their area of operations, or scheduled for official travel to the AOR, to consult their health care provider on the risk of Zika virus. SOUTHCOM is also offering voluntary relocation to all pregnant DoD employees and beneficiaries.

The DoD will assist other government agencies in developing a vaccine against Zika, new vector control agents, and improved diagnostic tests. Army Medicine will continue to educate all personnel and beneficiaries about Zika virus and provide updates as they arise. With ongoing operations around the world, the Army continues to strive to protect the health and readiness of total force and their families. ([Army Public Health Center Zika Virus Site](#)) ([StandTo!](#)) ([Fact Sheet](#)) ([Zika Virus - What is it? What can you do?](#)) ([Zika Virus – Health.mil](#)) (['Dump, Cover' Key to Preventing Mosquito Bites, Infections](#)) ([Taking a Proactive Stance Against Zika](#))



Notes for Veterans



Changes to Veterans' Preference Could Be On the Horizon

Veterans' preference would only apply to a vet's first job in federal service under a provision in the Senate fiscal 2017 Defense authorization bill. The provision, which is new this year, would not allow veterans' preference – a confusing and often controversial factor in federal hiring – to be an advantage in any subsequent federal jobs that an eligible employee applies for. In other words, vets would receive the additional points that veterans' preference confers during the application process for their first jobs in federal government, but not for any future positions within the competitive service. The measure also would affect certain close relatives of veterans, including spouses and parents, who are eligible for veterans' preference under specific circumstances when applying for federal jobs. While the provision is part of the annual Defense policy bill, it would apply governmentwide. The House NDAA, which lawmakers in that chamber passed last month, does not contain a similar provision. ([More](#))

Nearly 400 Aspen Dental Branded Practices Offer Free Dental Care to Veterans on June 25

Veterans across the nation will receive free dental care at nearly 400 participating Aspen Dental practices on **Saturday, June 25**, as part of Aspen Dental's annual Healthy Mouth Movement Day of Service, when dentists and teams volunteer their time and talents for the day. Since the launch of the Healthy Mouth Movement in 2014, Aspen Dental practices have collectively donated more than \$4 million in free dental care and have served 7,300 patients. Of the 21 million+ veterans across the U.S. today, fewer than 10 million are enrolled for U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health benefits, and more than 1.2 million lack health insurance altogether. The disparity is even more pronounced when it comes to dental care since veterans do not receive dental benefits through the

VA unless they are classified as 100% disabled, have a service-connected dental condition, or have a service-oriented medical condition that is affected by their mouth. ([More](#))

VA Secretary Provides Relief for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injuries

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert McDonald has granted equitable relief to more than 24,000 Veterans following a national review of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) medical examinations conducted in connection with disability compensation claims processed between 2007 and 2015. This action by the Secretary allows the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to offer new TBI examinations to Veterans whose initial examination for TBI was not conducted by one of four designated medical specialists and provides them with the opportunity to have their claims reprocessed. Equitable relief is a unique legal remedy that allows the Secretary to correct an injustice to a claimant where VA is not otherwise authorized to do so within the scope of the law. “Traumatic Brain Injury is a signature injury in Veterans returning from the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, and VA is proud to be an organization that sets the bar high for supporting these, and all, Veterans,” said Secretary McDonald. “Providing support for Veterans suffering from a TBI is a priority and a privilege, and we must make certain they receive a just and fair rating for their disabilities.” ([More](#))

VA Announces Partnership With Non-Profit Organization, Leanin.org

The Department of Veterans Affairs’ (VA) Center for Women Veterans today announced a partnership with LeanIn.Org, the nonprofit organization founded by Facebook Chief Operating Officer, Sheryl Sandberg, to empower women to achieve their ambitions. Building on the successful launch of LeanIn.Org circles within the Department of Defense, VA is following the same model to increase support to women Veterans. The VA initiative is called the LeanIn.Org Women Veterans’ chapter. The Women Veterans Chapter is comprised of two distinct pilot programs: the Veteran-to-Veteran program, a virtual program, which allows any woman Veteran to participate, no matter where she is located; meetings will be moderated and attended by women Veterans throughout the United States. The second is a face-to-face pilot circle. The face-to-face program is created in partnership with the existing LeanIn.Org chapter in Seattle, WA. This circle is an innovative hybrid of women Veterans and non-military members providing an environment for both to learn and share leadership skills. “We are thrilled to have LeanIn.Org as our collaborative partner,” said Kayla M. Williams, Director of VA’s Center for Women Veterans. “For many years, women Veterans have expressed to us that they need to have a mechanism to engage with their fellow women Veterans to make a difference in their community and we believe this is the perfect match. VA is pleased to be a part of these two pilot programs.” ([More](#))



Around the Q.C.



June 9: [Paper Tigers Community Event](#) (Putnam Museum, Davenport)

June 10: [Quad Cities Coast Guard Run to Remember](#) (Veterans Memorial Park, Davenport)

June 10: [Garage Sale Benefitting Gilda's Club Quad Cities](#) (Gilda's Club Quad Cities, 1234 E River Dr, Davenport)

June 10-11: [Gumbo Ya Ya](#) (The District, Rock Island)

June 10-11: [Greek Cultural Fest](#) (Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 4900 Kennedy Drive, East Moline)

June 11: [2016 Komen Quad Cities Race for the Cure](#) (iWireless Center)

June 11: [Quad Cities Cruisers Car Show](#) (SouthPark Mall)

June 11: [Milan American Legion Riders 5th Annual Motorcycle Rodeo](#) (American Legion Riders Post 569, 515 W 1st Ave, Milan)

June 11: [Crawfish Boil & Widespread Wit Tapping](#) (Great River Brewery, Davenport)

June 11: [10th Annual Bettendorf Rotary Club Lobsterfest](#) (Rivermont Collegiate, 1821 Sunset Drive, Bettendorf)

June 11: [Kid's Wild Fest at Niabi Zoo](#) (Niabi Zoo, 13010 Niabi Zoo Rd, Coal Valley, Ill.)

June 13: [iCan Bike Camp](#) (3541 Morton Drive, East Moline)

June 14: [History of our Locks & Dams](#) (Quad City Botanical Center, Rock Island)

June 16-18: [Quad City Symphony Orchestra's Volunteers for Symphony 33rd Annual Second Fiddle Sale](#) (Former Moline Library located at 504 17th Street)

June 17: [Family Game Night!](#) (Family Museum, 2900 Learning Campus Dr, Bettendorf)

June 18: [2016 Radish Magazine Healthy Living Fair](#) (Freight House, Davenport)

June 18: [The Micro Brew Mile and 6K Road Race](#) (5th Avenue, Moline)

June 18: [Quad Cities Triathlon 2016](#) (West Lake Park, Davenport)

June 18: [3rd Annual Micro Brew Mile Craft Beer Festival](#) (Downtown Moline)

June 18: [World Refugee Day Festival](#) (Singing Bird Nature Center, Rock Island)

June 18: [Pioneer Days](#) (Colonel Davenport House)

June 18-26: [Quad Cities Museum Week](#) (QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island)

June 19: [32nd Annual Ride the River: Father's Day Bicycle Ride](#) (River Action, 822 E River Dr, Davenport)

June 19: [Father's Day in the Park 2016](#) (Herington Park, Davenport)

June 24: [Millstream VS Green Tree Tap Battle](#) (BREW in the Village, 1104 Jersey Ridge Rd, Davenport)

June 24: [Picnic on the River 2016](#) (American Red Cross, 1100 River Dr, Moline)

June 24: [American Red Cross' Picnic on the River 2016](#) (Schwiebert Riverfront Park, Rock Island)

June 24: [Mud, Sweat & Cheers Obstacle Challenge](#) (Credit Island Park, Davenport)

June 24: [Ultra BlackOut](#) (The Col Ballroom, 1012 W 4th St, Davenport)

June 25: [Royal Ball Run For Autism](#) (Hyvee, Milan)

June 25: [Building Forever Families' Adoption & Foster Care Awareness Walk 2016](#) (Vandaveer Park, Davenport)

June 25-26: [6th Annual BBQ & Craft Brew event](#) (Credit Island Park, Davenport)

June 25-26: [Quad City Air Show](#) (Davenport Municipal Airport)

June 26: [Blossoms at Butterworth](#) (Butterworth Center, Moline)

June 26: [Hemmings Motor News Great Race - San Rafael, Calif. to Moline, Ill.](#) (Moline)

June 30: [Special Olympics Night hosted by the River Bandits](#) (Modern Woodmen Park)

July 1-2: [31st Annual Mississippi Valley Blues Festival](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)

July 1-4: [Freedom Fest QC](#) (Hillcrest Event Center, 16260 E 350th St, Orion, Ill.)

July 3: [Red, White & Boom!](#) (Rock Island & Davenport)

July 4: [Firecracker Run & Parade](#) (East Moline)

July 4: [Bettendorf Old-Fashioned 4th of July](#) (Downtown Bettendorf)

July 13: [YouthFest](#) (Fejervary Park, 1800 W 12th St, Davenport)

July 14-16: [Walcott Truckers Jamboree](#) (I-80 Truckstop, Walcott, Iowa)

July 15-17: [Radish Magazine's 2016 Yoga Fest](#) (Holiday Inn, Rock Island)

July 16: [Rivers Edge Homebrew Festiv-ale](#) (The District Plaza, Rock Island)

July 16: [Insane Inflatable 5K Quad Cities](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)

July 19-23: [Rock Island County Fair](#) (fairgrounds in East Moline)

July 23: [2016 Quad City Strength & Fitness Expo](#) (RiverCenter, Davenport)

July 23: [2nd Annual Lane Evans Memorial Motorcycle Ride](#) (Kavanaugh's Hilltop, 1228 30th St, Rock Island)

July 29-30: [Downtown Street Fest](#) (Downtown Davenport)

July 30: [Bix 7 Run/Walk](#) (Downtown Davenport)

July 30: [Zombie Prom Quad Cities 2016](#) (Skellington Manor Event Center, 420 18th St, Rock Island)

Aug. 2-7: [Great Mississippi Valley Fair](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)

Aug. 4: [Freedom Run 5K](#) (733 15th Ave., East Moline)

Aug. 4-7: [Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival](#) (Quad-Cities Waterfront Convention Center, Bettendorf)

Aug. 6: [2nd Annual BBQ n' Blues Fest](#) (Rolling Smoke, 1228 30th St, Rock Island)

Aug. 6: [4th Annual Bags n' Brews Cornhole Tournament & Beer Tasting](#) (Lindsay Park, 2100 E River Dr, Davenport)

Aug. 8-14: [John Deere Classic PGA Tour](#) (TPC Deere Run, Silvis, Ill.)

Aug. 9: [Experience on a Towboat from Rock Island to St. Louis](#) (Quad City Botanical Center, Rock Island)

Aug. 11-13: [Tug Fest, LeClaire](#) (Iowa & Port Byron, Ill.)
Aug. 13: [Case Creek Obstacles 5K Mud Run](#) (Coal Valley, Ill.)
Aug. 13: [13th Annual Xstream Cleanup](#) (Greater Quad Cities)
Aug. 19-20: [Ya Maka My Weekend](#) (The District, Rock Island)
Aug. 20: [Quad City Symphony Riverfront Pops](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
Aug. 20: [Floatzilla: Canoe & Kayak Floatilla](#) (Sunset Park, 1309 Mill St, Rock Island)
Aug. 26-27: [River Roots Live](#) (LeClaire Park, Davenport)
Aug. 27: [Vettes on the River](#) (LeClaire, Iowa)
Aug. 27: [Silvis Family Run](#) (Schadt Park, Silvis, Ill.)
Sept. 3-4: [Rock Island Grand Prix](#) (Downtown Rock Island)
Sept. 10: [¡VIVA! Quad Cities](#) (Isle of Capri Casino Parking Lot, Bettendorf)
Sept. 10: [QCA Heritage Tractor Parade & Show](#) (John Deere Pavilion, Moline)
Sept. 10: [Row the Miss Regatta](#) (Mississippi River at Moline)
Sept. 10-11: [Beaux Arts Fair](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Sept. 16-17: [Celtic Festival & Highland Games](#) (Centennial Park (Davenport)
Sept. 17: [River Action's 11th Annual Taming of the Slough](#) (Hampton, Ill.)
Sept. 17: [Brew Ha Ha](#) (LeClaire Park (Davenport)
Sept. 17: [2016 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Quad Cities](#) (iWireless Center)
Sept. 17: [4th Annual It's Glow Time 5K Throwback](#) (Bass Street Landing, Moline)
Sept. 17-18: [Riverssance Festival of Fine Arts](#) (Lindsay Park (Village of East Davenport)
Sept. 23-24: [Hot Air Balloon Festival](#) (Rock Island County Fairgrounds (East Moline)
Sept. 24: [Knox-Warren Walk to End Alzheimer's](#) (Lake Storey Park, Galesburg, Ill.)
Sept. 25: [Quad Cities Marathon](#) (Downtown Moline)
Oct. 1: [GiGi's Super Hero Run](#) (Bettendorf)
Oct. 2: [Nancy Kapheim Memorial Classic](#) (Rock Island)
Oct. 7-9: [Big Bore Enterprise Gun Show](#) (Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds)
Oct. 9: [Apple Fest](#) (Downtown LeClaire)
Oct. 22: [4th Annual QC Tweed Ride](#) (Freight House, Davenport)
Oct. 27: [Fright Night](#) (The District (Rock Island)
Oct. 29: [Lagomarcino's Cocoa Beano 5K Race](#) (Village of East Davenport)
Oct. 29-30: [Boo at the Zoo](#) (Niabi Zoo (Coal Valley (Ill.)
Oct. 29: [Witches Walk & Costume Parade](#) (Downtown LeClaire)
Nov. 12: [Black Hawk College 5k Hustle](#) (Black Hawk College (Moline)
Nov. 18-27: [Quad City Arts Festival of Trees](#) (RiverCenter (Davenport)
Nov. 19: [Festival of Trees Parade](#) (Downtown Davenport)
Nov. 19: [Lighting on the John Deere Commons](#) (Downtown Moline)
Nov. 19: [City of Davenport Garbage Gobble Creek Cleanup](#) (Davenport)
Nov. 24: [Scott County Family Y McCarthy Bush Turkey Trot](#) (Downtown YMCA (Davenport)

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